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SUBJECT: ZANGGER COMMITTEE

1. DURING RECENT IAEA GENERAL CONFERENCE, KRATZER AND OTHER MEMBERS US DELEGATION, INCLUDING US MISSION REPS, MET WITH ZANGGER AT LATTER'S REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION OF FOLLOW-ON ACTION RELATED TO ZANGGER COMMITTEE. ZANGGER NOTED THAT SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF COMMITTEE'S FIRST PHASE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY UNDERSTANDING THAT FURTHER STEPS WOULD BE TAKEN UNDER COMMITTEE AUSPICES, PARTICULARLY IN CONNECTION WITH EXTENDING UNDERSTANDINGS TO ADDITIONAL COUNTRIES. WHILE ZANGGER DISCLAIMED ANY PERSONAL INTEREST IN FUTURE WORK OF COMMITTEE, IT IS CLEAR THAT HE HOPES FOR CONTINUED COMMITTEE ROLE, WITH HIMSELF AS CHAIRMAN.

2. IN ADDITION TO POSSIBILITY THAT COMMITTEE CAN CON-
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TINUE TO SERVE CONSTRUCTIVE PURPOSE, DEPARTMENT SEES

ADVANTAGES IN CONTINUED ROLE FOR ZANGGER, INCLUDING
LIKELIHOOD THAT HE CAN BE AN AFFIRMATIVE INFLUENCE IN
SWISS NPT RATIFICATION PROCESS. AT SAME TIME, WE RECOGNIZE
THAT REACTIVATION OF ZANGGER COMMITTEE COULD LEAD TO SOME
CONFUSION IN RELATION TO U.S. EFFORTS TO SECURE SUPPORT
OF MAJOR SUPPLIERS OR MORE FAR REACHING CONTROLS.

3. IN EFFORT TO DEFINE APPROPRIATE FUTURE ROLE FOR
ZANGGER COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE MISSION'S
UNDERSTANDING AS TO ANY AGREEMENTS REACHED IN ZANGGER
COMMITTEE, AS TO FUTURE WORK, AND ITS ASSESSMENT OF HOW
THESE UNDERSTANDINGS CAN BE FULFILLED. INGERSOLL

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